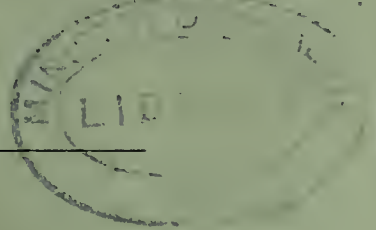


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## PERSONNEL DETAILS AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1953

### DIVISIONAL HEALTH ORGANISATION

#### Medical Officer of Health:

#### Divisional Medical Officer and Divisional School Medical Officer:

RONALD G. SMITHSON, M.D., Ch.B.(Hons.), D.P.H.

#### Assistant County Medical Officer:

J. A. G. GRAHAM, M.B., Ch.B.

#### Part-time Medical Officers at Clinics:

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J. PHILLIPS, M.D., M.B., Ch.B.

#### Consultants and Specialists Working in Division:

##### Ear, Nose and Throat:

R. Thomas, B.A., B.M., B.Ch. (Oxon), D.L.C.

##### Eye:

L. Wittels, M.D., D.O. (Oxon).

##### Orthopaedic:

D. Scott, M.B., Ch.B.

##### Paediatric:

L. J. Prosser, M.B., Ch.B.

##### Tuberculosis:

W. S. Gilmour, O.B.E., M.B., Ch.B.

V. Ryan, M.D., D.P.H.

S. P. Wilson, M.D., D.P.H.

##### Orthodontic Specialist:

Miss R. Selare, L.D.S.

##### Dental Officers:

C. O. Wood, L.D.S.

D. B. Owen, L.D.S.

##### Speech Therapist:

Miss M. P. Dunkley, L.C.S.T.

## PERSONNEL DETAILS—Continued

### NURSING STAFF:

#### Health Visitors/School Nurses:

Miss G. E. Brigham, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert. .  
Miss I. V. Brigham, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert. (Queen's).  
Miss J. W. Brigham, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert.  
Miss M. Manuel, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert., D.N.  
Mrs. E. Marsden, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert.  
Miss M. Pepper, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert., D.N.  
Miss C. Swift, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert.

#### Home Nurse:

Miss L. Evamy, S.R.N., C.M.B. (Queen's).

#### Home Nurses/Midwives:

Miss E. E. Basher, S.R.N., C.M.B. (Queen's).  
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Miss M. E. Watson, S.R.N., C.M.B.

#### Dental Attendants:

Miss Ullathorne.  
Miss Dawson.

#### Physiotherapist:

Vacant.

#### Assistant Health Visitor/School Nurse:

Mrs. E. Clark, S.R.N.

#### Tuberculosis Visitor:

Mrs. E. M. Askam, S.R.N., C.M.B., H.V.Cert. (Queen's).

#### V.D. Social Worker:

Mrs. Doidge-Harrison.

#### Mental Health:

Miss C. M. Glover (Social Worker).  
Miss C. M. Leng (Home Teacher).

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Mrs. M. P. Gamble.  
Miss S. Graham.  
Miss J. M. Lawn.  
Mrs. D. M. A. Stephenson.

### AMBULANCE SERVICE:

Depot Officer: T. G. Woodhouse.

## **PERSONNEL DETAILS—Continued**

### **CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR'S OFFICE**

#### **Chief Sanitary Inspector and Cleansing Superintendent:**

ERNEST WITHEFORD, R.S.I. and S.I. Exam. Joint Board.  
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R.S.I. Meat and Food Inspector's Cert. Ass.Inst.P.C.

IAN METCALFE, Junior Assistant and Clerk.

DAVID G. DAY, Junior Assistant and Clerk.

Wetherby House,  
WETHERBY.

August, 1954.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Tadcaster Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Vital Statistics for the year can be regarded as satisfactory although the Infant Mortality Rate did rise.

It will be seen also that the Birth Rate has increased as compared with 1952.

It should be put on record that the Council's efforts to keep Hazlewood Castle Maternity Home open was unsuccessful. In that part of the Report dealing with the work of the Divisional Health Office I have included a table showing the distribution of births to mothers from the area before and after the Maternity Home closed. It will be noticed that the number of domiciliary confinements increased by about 50% throughout the Division and those who know the geography of this part of the world intimately will understand that mothers are having to travel appreciable distances to reach the Maternity Homes concerned. It should be put on record that even at the time of writing this Report the new Maternity Home at Fulford, York, is not yet open.

In the field of environmental hygiene the Tadcaster Council has found itself seriously thwarted in its desire to make progress on Sewerage Schemes in particular by the limitation now placed on Capital Expenditure. As my colleague, the Chief Sanitary Inspector, reports later there are many parts of the District where the drainage position is unsatisfactory and it is an earnest of the Council's desire to improve matters that so many Schemes for dealing with these conditions have been prepared and submitted to the Ministry.

During the course of the year I have been very conscious of the help afforded by you, Sir, and all members of the Council and I would like to take this, my annual opportunity, of acknowledging that assistance.

Fellow Officers at the Council Offices in Tadcaster are always ready to give assistance and our relationships with other Departments are, to the best of my knowledge, good.

I would like to acknowledge my indebtedness to my colleagues.

The Staff of my own Office have worked enthusiastically and well during the year and I wish to pay tribute to their endeavour. The work of the Nursing and all other outdoor Staff on the District is well known to all members of the Council and I am sure it would be your wish that I should extend to them my gratitude for another year's work faithfully carried out.

I am, Mr. Chairman,

Your obedient Servant,

RONALD G. SMITHSON,

Medical Officer of Health.



# PART I. REPORT AS MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

## 1. GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in Acres ... ..	75,754
Population, 1951 Census ... ..	26,951
Population, Registrar-General's Estimate Mid-1953 ... ..	26,880
Number of Inhabited Houses ... ..	8,035
Rateable Value 31-3-54 ... ..	£145,491
Product of 1d. Rate 31-3-54 ... ..	£569
District Council General Rate 1953/54 ... ..	6/-
County Council General Rate 1953/54 ... ..	15/6

## 2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

	Male	Female	Total
Live Births: Legitimate ... ..	196	210	406
Illegitimate ... ..	4	8	12
Totals ... ..	<u>200</u>	<u>218</u>	<u>418</u>

Birth rate per thousand population ... .. 15.6

Stillbirths 9. Rate per thousand total births ... .. 21.1

Illegitimate live births represent 2.95 per cent. of total births.

Total deaths from all causes 294.

Crude death rate per thousand population ... .. 10.9

Standardised death rate per thousand population ... .. 11.9

Number of women dying in or in consequence of childbirth was 0

Deaths of infants under one year:—

All infants per thousand live births ... .. 33.5

Legitimate infants per thousand legitimate live births (14) ... 33.5

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) ... .. 44

Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis (all ages) ... .. 4

Deaths from Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis (all ages) ... .. 1

Deaths from Measles (all ages) ... .. 0

Deaths from Whooping Cough ... .. 1

Deaths from Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea (all ages) ... .. 2

# TADCASTER RURAL DISTRICT

## COMPARABLE VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1953

### Based on Registrar-General's Figures

	Tadcaster Rural District	Aggregate West Riding Rural Districts	West Riding Admin. County	England & Wales (Provi- sional figures)
BIRTH RATE				
(Per 1,000 estimated population) ...	15.6	16.6	15.7	15.5
DEATH RATES:				
(All per 1,000 estimated population)				
All Causes ... ..	10.9	9.3	11.6	11.4
Infective and Para. Dis. excl. Tub., but incl. Syphilis and other V.D.	0.07	0.07	0.08	*
Tuberculosis, Respiratory ... ..	0.15	0.13	0.16	0.18
Tuberculosis, Other ... ..	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.02
Cancer ... ..	1.64	1.57	1.88	1.99
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System ... ..	1.45	1.24	1.76	*
Heart and Circulatory ... ..	4.24	3.27	4.26	*
Respiratory Diseases ... ..	1.08	1.06	1.30	*
Maternal Mortality—				
(Deaths of mothers in childbirth per 1,000 live and stillbirths) ...	—	0.81	0.51	0.76
Infant Mortality ... ..	33.5	33.3	29.3	26.80

\* Figures not available.

# COMPARABLE VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE TADCASTER RURAL DISTRICT FROM 1939 TO DATE

Year (i)	Estimated Population at Mid-year (ii)	Natural Variation		Live Births		Deaths			Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births) (x)
		Increase (iii)	Decrease (iv)	Total (v)	Rate per 1,000 Population (vi)	Total (vii)	Rate per 1,000 Population (viii)	Under One Year (ix)	
1939	25,798	53	—	359	13.90	306	11.86	27	75.20
1940	23,510	46	—	343	14.50	297	12.63	18	52.40
1941	24,040	56	—	347	14.40	291	12.10	10	26.50
1942	23,650	188	—	438	14.20	250	10.50	18	53.20
1943	20,530	107	—	391	16.60	284	12.00	12	30.60
1944	22,610	158	—	432	19.10	274	12.10	20	46.10
1945	22,510	160	—	455	20.20	295	13.10	23	50.50
1946	20,060	150	—	455	18.90	305	12.70	16	35.00
1947	24,550	206	—	488	19.90	282	11.50	21	43.00
1948	25,260	187	—	424	16.78	237	9.38	12	28.00
1949	25,530	123	—	411	16.10	288	11.28	10	24.30
1950	26,850	135	—	407	15.16	272	10.13	10	24.57
1951	26,980	101	—	372	13.80	271	10.00	7	18.80
1952	26,980	85	—	366	13.60	281	10.40	8	21.90
1953	26,880	124	—	418	15.60	294	10.90	14	33.50

## CAUSES OF CIVILIAN DEATHS

### Registrar-General's Abridged List of Causes of Deaths in the District during 1953

Cause	Number		
	Male	Female	Total
1. Tuberculosis (Respiratory) ... ..	2	2	4
2. Tuberculosis (Other) ... ..	—	1	1
3. Syphilitic Disease ... ..	—	—	—
4. Diphtheria ... ..	—	—	—
5. Whooping Cough ... ..	1	—	1
6. Meningococcal Infections ... ..	—	—	—
7. Acute Poliomyelitis ... ..	—	—	—
8. Measles ... ..	—	—	—
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ... ..	1	—	1
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ... ..	5	2	7
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus ... ..	5	1	6
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ... ..	—	5	5
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus ... ..	—	3	3
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms ... ..	13	8	21
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ... ..	1	1	2
16. Diabetes ... ..	—	1	1
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ... ..	24	15	39
18. Coronary Disease, Angina ... ..	18	19	37
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease ... ..	2	2	4
20. Other Heart Disease ... ..	27	36	63
21. Other Circulatory Disease ... ..	4	6	10
22. Influenza ... ..	—	2	2
23. Pneumonia ... ..	3	8	11
24. Bronchitis ... ..	10	3	13
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System ... ..	2	1	3
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum ... ..	3	2	5
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ... ..	—	2	2
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis ... ..	2	2	4
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate ... ..	2	—	2
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion ... ..	—	—	—
31. Congenital Malformations ... ..	3	2	5
32. Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases ... ..	11	13	24
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents ... ..	5	—	5
34. All Other Accidents ... ..	5	4	9
35. Suicide ... ..	4	—	4
36. Homicide and Operations of War ... ..	—	—	—
Total ...	153	141	294

From the Registrar-General's list of causes of death in the District during 1953 it will be seen that the most frequent causes of death, the number of deaths so registered and the corresponding death rates per thousand population were:—

Heart and Circulatory ...	114 deaths equivalent to a death rate of 4.24
Cancer ... ..	44 deaths equivalent to a death rate of 1.64
Intra Cranial Vascular Lesions ... ..	39 deaths equivalent to a death rate of 1.45
Accidents ... ..	14 deaths equivalent to a death rate of 0.52
Bronchitis ... ..	13 deaths equivalent to a death rate of 0.48
Pneumonia ... ..	11 deaths equivalent to a death rate of 0.41

## **SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA**

### **Housing**

As will be seen from the figures given in the Chief Sanitary Inspector's Report the Council had a reasonably successful year in building Council Houses although towards the end of the year the Ministry's suggestion that the Rural Area should forgo some of its allocation in favour of the Urban Areas came as an unwelcome request.

It was pleasing to note the progress made in re-housing from the Bowers Row Clearance Area and the disappearance of Stourton Grange Camp was very welcome.

The Council agreed by a majority to offer Council Houses for sale to sitting tenants but the extent to which transactions have taken place are probably fewer than were anticipated.

During the course of the year it was necessary for the Council to carry out a comprehensive Rent Review in order to adjust matters in such a way as to keep the Housing Revenue Account solvent.

In some parts of the Area the relative isolation of the village seems to make it impossible to get estimates for building Council Houses within the figure acceptable to the Ministry.

The Council gave serious consideration to the Publication "Housing—The Next Step" and it would be true to say every effort will be made to use the consequential legislation to the best advantage for the District. Until such legislation is available it is, of course, impossible to forecast its probable usefulness in an Area such as this.

### **Sewerage and Sewage Disposal**

If a comparison is made between the Chief Sanitary Inspector's Report on this subject this year and last it will be seen that the Council has made some progress in improving the drainage position in the District, but the Council still finds itself seriously impeded by the restriction on Capital Expenditure. The Medical Officer of Health has found himself in grave difficulty in deciding whether he was justified in issuing the Certificate for priority. Some of the Schemes awaiting authority to proceed are eminently desirable on public health grounds but production of evidence of actual damage to the health of the people is not forthcoming.

### **Water Supply**

The long awaited Hook Moor Water Scheme commenced during the year and it is gratifying to learn that the Contractors are making speedy progress.

## **Sherburn Bacon Factory**

This large Establishment absorbs a considerable proportion of the time of the three Sanitary Inspectors to carry out meat inspection there. During the year the Health Committee visited the Factory and I think it would be fair comment to say that the Committee were most impressed by the way in which the work of slaughtering and dressing of carcasses is carried out as well as being made aware much more effectively than figures can do of the amount of work the Sanitary Inspectors carry out there. Altogether a most useful visit from all points of view.



## PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following cases of Infectious Disease were notified during the year :—

Disease	Total	Cases sent to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever ... ..	67	16	—
Whooping Cough ... ..	105	—	1
Poliomyelitis ... ..	2	1	—
Measles ... ..	329	1	—
Acute Pneumonia ... ..	16	1	11
Erysipelas ... ..	2	—	—
Food Poisoning ... ..	1	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	6	—	—
Dysentery ... ..	14	—	—

### COMMENTS :

#### Whooping Cough

It is interesting to know that not one of the Notified Cases of Whooping Cough gave a history of having been vaccinated against the disease.

#### Dysentery

The bulk of the cases of dysentery reported above were the result of an outbreak of the Sonne type of the disease at an R.A.F. Establishment in the District.

## TUBERCULOSIS

The following figures show the state of the register at 31-12-53.

Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
M.	F.	M.	F.	
37	41	10	14	102

This is an increase of 14 cases over the figures at 31-12-52.

Analysis of new notifications and deaths from Tuberculosis during year.

## CIVILIAN TUBERCULOSIS

Age	New Cases		Deaths	
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
0— ... ..	—	—	—	—
1— ... ..	—	1	—	—
5— ... ..	2	2	—	1
15— ... ..	7	3	—	—
25— ... ..	9	—	1	—
35— ... ..	4	1	3	—
45— ... ..	1	—	1	—
55— ... ..	2	—	3	—
65 and over ...	1	—	—	—

### Services Case :

Age Group	New Cases	Deaths
15—25	1 Male Pulmonary	Nil





Report as  
Divisional Medical Officer  
for 1953

# CLINIC ARRANGEMENTS IN DIVISION No. 9 (Tadcaster and Wetherby Rural Districts).

Abbreviations: A.N.—Ante-Natal. I.W.—Infant Welfare. E.N.T.—Ear, Nose and Throat. T.B.—Tuberculosis.

TOWNSHIP	LOCATION	PURPOSE	DAY AND TIME
<b>MEDICAL OFFICERS' CLINICS (Static)</b>			
Bardsey	Trustees Hall.	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Mondays, 1-30 p.m.
Barwick-in-Elmet	Methodist Schoolroom	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Tuesdays, 1-30 p.m.
Boston Spa	West End Nursery School.	I.W.	Alternate Wednesdays, 1-30 p.m.
Church Fenton	Methodist Sunday School.	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Thursdays, 1-30 p.m.
Church Fenton	R.A.F. Station.	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Tuesdays, 1-30 p.m.
Micklefield	Methodist Chapel.	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Tuesdays, 1-30 p.m.
Sherburn-in-Elmet	Methodist Sunday School.	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Tuesdays, 1-30 p.m.
Swillington	Wakefield Road (Hut nr. Church).	(A.N./I.W. (Minor Ailment.	Every Thursday, 1-30 p.m. Every Wednesday, 9-30 a.m.
Tadcaster	Multiple Clinic, Leeds Road.	(A.N. (I.W. (Minor Ailment. (Speech Therapy. (Orthopaedic Treatment. (Ultra Violet Light.	Alternate Tuesdays, 10-0 a.m., and Friday, 1-30 p.m. Alternate Tuesdays, 1-30 p.m. Every Tuesday and Thursday, 9-30 a.m. Every Thursday, 9-30 a.m. Every Monday, 2-0 p.m. Every Monday and Thursday, 9-30 a.m. (Winter months only).
Tockwith	Methodist Sunday School.	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Mondays, 1-30 p.m.
Wetherby	Crossley Street.	(A.N. (I.W. (Minor Ailment. (Speech Therapy.	Alternate Wednesdays, 1-30 p.m. Every Thursday, 1-30 p.m. Every Thursday, 9-30 a.m. Every Tuesday, 2 p.m.
<b>MEDICAL OFFICERS' CLINICS (Mobile)</b>			
Appleton Roebuck	Village Green	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Thursdays, 10 a.m.
Copmanthorpe	Lower Green	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Thursdays, 2 p.m.
East Keswick	Village Institute	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Fridays, 10 a.m.
Huby	Village Institute	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Fridays, 2 p.m.
Ledston	Village Institute	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
Thornor	Village Institute	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Wednesdays, 2 p.m.
<b>CONSULTATIVE CLINICS</b>			
Tadcaster	Multiple Clinic, Leeds Road.	(T.B. (Ophthalmic (E.N.T. (Paediatric. (Orthopaedic.	2nd and 4th Tuesday each month, 10 a.m. Every alternate Friday, 9-30 a.m. Every 4th Tuesday, 9-30 a.m. 2nd Wednesday each month, 2 p.m. 1st Thursday each month, 1-30 p.m.
Wetherby	Crossley Street.	Ophthalmic.	Every alternate Friday, 1-30 p.m.

## **PART II. REPORT AS DIVISIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER**

It will be remembered that the Medical Officer of Health to the Tadcaster and Wetherby Rural District Councils is also Divisional Medical Officer to the West Riding County Council for the same area.

The contents of this part of the Report relate to the whole Division unless otherwise stated and since the Divisional Scheme is a Partnership between the County Council and the District Councils the insertion of the Divisional Medical Officer's Report in the Annual Health Report is to acquaint members of the two District Councils with the details of work carried on in the Divisional Health Office during 1953.

Several changes of Staff have occurred during the year. Dr. J. A. G. Graham joined us on the 1st July and we have found his help most acceptable. Miss Buck the Mental Health Social Worker was transferred to another part of the County and the resolution by the District Council acknowledging her services here was received with gratification. Mrs. E. Bithell who served the Church Fenton area so faithfully retired during the year. Miss Ingleby joined the Staff of Home Nurse Midwives and has become an integral member of the team.

### **SCHOOL CHILDREN**

Routine periodic school medical examinations were carried out on 3,036 children. 285 re-inspections of defects found at previous examinations were recorded and 28 special examinations were made at the request of Heads of Schools. 389 individual children were found to have 411 defects requiring treatment, and out of the total children examined 1,666 items of defects requiring observation were discovered. 0.8% of the children seen were estimated to be below average nutrition.

The School Nurses conducted 12,696 Cleanliness Examinations and discovered 191 children showing signs of infestation with lice. It should be explained that each School Nurse visits her own Schools after each main holiday for this purpose.

The number of cases dealt with at Minor Ailment Clinics at Swillington, Tadcaster and Wetherby totalled 71 in the year.

The following figures relate to dentistry carried out in the Division :—

	Total
Number of children inspected ... ..	7,841
Number of children found to require treatment ... ..	4,210
Number of children offered treatment ... ..	4,520
Number of children treated ... ..	2,741
Number of attendances ... ..	4,130
Number of extractions:	
Temporary teeth ... ..	3,003
Permanent teeth ... ..	242
Number of general anaesthetics ... ..	17
Number of fillings:	
Temporary teeth ... ..	315
Permanent teeth ... ..	3,119
Number of other treatments:	
Temporary teeth ... ..	110
Permanent teeth ... ..	216

Consultative Clinics operated throughout the year and the following Statistics apply :—

### **Eye Clinic**

323 children were examined, spectacles were prescribed in 148 cases and I understand spectacles were obtained in 126 cases.

### **Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic**

135 children attended the Monthly Clinic and 56 were referred for operative treatment. 53 of those operations had been carried out by the end of the year.

### **Orthopaedic Clinic**

105 children attended the 12 sessions on 167 occasions. 40 were referred to Hospital for treatment.

### **Paediatric Clinic**

63 children made 74 attendances at 11 Sessions.

### **Speech Therapy Clinic**

48 children received treatment at 132 Sessions.

### **Sunray Clinic**

32 cases received treatment.

## MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

The outstanding development in this area during 1953 was the commencement of service by the Mobile Clinic Unit at six different points on three days per fortnight. In the main the sites selected were those which either are not easily accessible to one of the 10 Clinic premises established in permanent buildings or where it had not been found possible to find a suitable permanent building to open a Clinic.

It is interesting to know that 777 attendances were made at 82 sessions held for Infant Welfare purposes and 22 attendances by 9 mothers for Ante-Natal purposes. These figures are not large but in my judgment the benefit of bringing Clinic facilities to Parishes such as are now served by the Mobile Clinic here is well worth while.

The Clinics held in permanent buildings mainly rented from Church or Chapel Authorities continued to give service during the year and in total the Infant Welfare Clinics were attended by 1,200 children on 7,625 occasions. The Ante-Natal Clinics were attended by 172 Expectant Mothers on 771 occasions. 59 Mothers attended for Post-Natal Examinations.

The seven Health Visitors working in this Division made the following visits during the year:—

Number of children under 5 years of age visited during year	Expectant Mothers		Children under 1 year of age		Children age 1 and under 2 years	Children age 2 but under 5 years	Tuber- culosis House- hold	Other Cases
	First Visit	Total Visits	First Visit	Total Visits	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
907	218	700	735	4539	2124	3721	15	4123

“ Other Cases ” include visits for such purposes as reporting on still-births and infant deaths, infectious diseases, care of old people, hospital after-care etc.

## MATERNITY HOME ACCOMMODATION

Despite vigorous opposition from the two District Councils Hazlewood Castle Maternity Home was closed during the first week of July, 1953, and in consequence it was necessary to make arrangement for Expectant Mothers wishing to have Maternity Home Accommodation to obtain bookings in Castleford, Harrogate, Wakefield and York. The following Table showing the places of confinement for mothers from this area during the two halves of 1952 and 1953 is of interest:—

## CONFINEMENTS OF MOTHERS IN DIVISION 9

	1952		1953		
	First Half	Second Half	First Half	Second Half	
Total ... ..	305	329	351	383	
Domiciliary ... ..	99	115	114	152	
Institutional ... ..	206	214	237		
				Total	Bookings by This Office
				231	132
Acomb ... ..	7	2	12	31	29
York County ... ..	—	—	1	—	—
Hazlewood ... ..	149	130	127	7	All
Westow Croft ... ..	—	—	—	1	All
Walton Hall ... ..	—	—	—	24	All
Wakefield General ... ..	—	—	—	7	All
Manygates ... ..	—	—	—	2	All
Castleford ... ..	—	—	—	1	All
Leeds Maternity ... ..	12	16	17	32	None
St. Mary's ... ..	—	5	2	6	2
St. James ... ..	3	1	3	7	None
Harrogate General ... ..	12	20	41	71	56
Otley General ... ..	1	1	1	2	All
St. Winifreds, Ilkley ... ..	1	—	—	1	All
Private Nursing Homes	21	39	33	39	None

Credit is due to the Domiciliary Midwives working here for the way in which they dealt with the additional domiciliary confinements during the latter half of the year.

### MIDWIFERY

This Division is served by 15 Domiciliary Nurses of whom all but one combine the duties of Home Nursing and Midwifery. The following table gives details of the work carried out by the Midwives during 1953.

### NUMBER OF DELIVERIES ATTENDED BY MIDWIVES IN THE AREA DURING THE YEAR—DOMICILIARY CASES

	Doctor present at delivery	Doctor not booked Doctor not present at delivery	Doctor booked Doctor present at delivery	Doctor not booked Doctor not present at delivery	Totals
Midwives employed by the Authority ...	7	79	84	95	265
Midwives in Private Practice (including Midwives employed in Nursing Home) ...	—	1	4	—	5
Total	7	80	88	95	270

Number of cases delivered in Institutions but attended by domiciliary midwives on discharge from Institutions before the fourteenth day ... .. 59



## Breast Feeding

Number of domiciliary cases in which the infant was wholly breast fed at the fourteenth day ... .. 226

## Statutory Notices received from Midwives

1. Death of (a) Mother ... ..	—
(b) Child ... ..	2
2. Stillbirths ... ..	9
3. Substitution of Artificial Feeding ... ..	19
4. Liability to be a source of infection ... ..	3
5. Medical Aids issued because of complications arising in/during:—	
(a) Pregnancy ... ..	5
(b) Labour ... ..	11
(c) Lying in ... ..	3
(d) The Child ... ..	2

Gas and Air Analgesia is available to every Expectant Mother who wishes to avail herself of this facility and it was used on 107 occasions. Pethedine was administered on 55 occasions on prescription by the Private Practitioner in charge of the case.

Every Domiciliary Midwife has the opportunity of referring her Expectant Mothers to the Ante-Natal Clinic for instruction in Relaxation Exercises and the extent to which this teaching appeals to the Mothers and gives good results at the confinement makes one believe that its value is not yet fully exploited professionally.

## HOME NURSING SERVICE

The total below gives the statistical details of the work carried out by the 15 Home Nurses in the area.

	Number of cases attended by Home Nurses during the year	Number of visits paid by Home Nurses during the year
(1) Medical ... ..	959	21,217
(2) Surgical ... ..	445	6,972
(3) Infectious Diseases ... ..	1	15
(4) Tuberculosis ... ..	14	747
(5) Maternal complications ... ..	14	130
Totals	1,433	29,081

Patients included in above who were aged 65 or over at the time of the first visit during the year ... ..	436	13,020
Children included in above who were under 5 years of age at the time of the first visit during the year ... ..	135	1,309
Patients included in above who have had more than 24 visits during the year ...	300	12,420

It will be appreciated in the light of development of modern medical treatment that much of the Home Nurses time is taken up by giving injections of one sort or another. This experience nationally was repeated on a lesser scale here and it is interesting to know that in addition to the visits recorded above 4,841 visits for injections were made.

## **PREVENTION OF ILLNESS—CARE AND AFTER-CARE**

### **Tuberculosis**

The Tuberculosis Health Visitor is employed entirely on that work and gives three-quarters of whole time service to this Division. Mrs. Askam made 1,455 visits during the year.

The Chest Physicians tell me that 38 children in this area received B.C.G. Vaccination as known contacts of Tuberculosis during 1953.

37 Patients were receiving extra nourishment in the form of 2 pints of milk daily under the County Council Scheme on the 31st December, 1953.

## **MENTAL HEALTH SOCIAL WORK**

Miss Glover had 75 cases under Legal or Voluntary Supervision on the 31st December, 1953, and Miss Leng the Occupational Therapist had 17 cases under her supervision including those who attended the Group Training in Tadcaster Clinic weekly.

## **DIPHThERIA IMMUNISATION**

It is gratifying to be able to Report that no case of Diphtheria was notified. Diphtheria Immunisation proceeds under the County Council's Scheme whereby any child can be immunised either by a Private Practitioner or Local Authority Medical Officer on request.



In accordance with the altered arrangements for submitting Annual Returns on Diphtheria Immunisation to the Ministry of Health in such a way as to indicate the number of children in the area who can be regarded as being currently immune to Diphtheria the following Return was submitted in respect of 1953.

Age at 31-12-53 i.e. Born in Year	Under 1 1953	1-4 1952-1949	5-9 1948-1944	10-14 1943-1939	Under 15 Total
Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster)					
A. 1949-1953 ... ..	61	1,492	2,040	1,540	5,133
B. 1948 or earlier ...	—	—	556	661	1,217

It is of interest to record the following figures of Immunisations carried out during 1953.

	Under 1		Age at final injection						
	1		2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	Total	
1. Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation (including temporary residents) ... ..	61	264	58	13	12	166	50	624	
2. Total number of children who were given a secondary or re-inforcing injection (i.e. subsequent to complete full course)					10	842	379	1231	

Substantial as these figures are it is necessary to point out that only about two out of every five children born in the area are being immunised around the first birthday and one would impress on Parents the vital necessity of having this immunisation done if we are to continue to keep diphtheria at bay.

## WHOOPIING COUGH VACCINATION

The County Council's Scheme for vaccinating against Whooping Cough commenced in 1952 proceeded in 1953 and it is pleasing to Report that 329 children under the age of four years were submitted for this protection. As far as my records go there are now a total of 456 children in the area who have been vaccinated to date but it will need appreciable improvement on this figure before we can hope to reduce the number of cases notified each year.

## VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

As a result of an outbreak of Smallpox in the West Riding of Yorkshire the following numbers of persons were vaccinated in this area during the year.

Age at Date of Vaccination	Under 1	1	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Total
Number Vaccinated ...	234	142	134	449	315	1,274
Number Re-vaccinated	—	1	24	283	820	1,128

It is interesting too to note that no cases of complications were reported.

## HOME HELP SERVICE

The number of cases supplied with a Home Help is as follows :—

1. Maternity (including expectant mothers)	72
2. Chronic Sick, including aged and infirm ...	67
3. Others ... ..	27
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	166
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These cases received 27,543 hours' service.

As will be seen from the figures given above the Home Help Service continues to have increased calls made upon it. Recruitment of Home Helps has improved somewhat in some parts of the Division but for some unaccountable reason recruitment in the more populous parishes leaves much to be desired.

## WELFARE OF THE AGED

Activities of the Parish Welfare Committees in the area continue and it has been noteworthy that the idea of providing Chiropody Service under the auspices of such Committees has expanded. To date it has proved impossible to arrange for the provision of meals for Old People except in the one instance where the Local Parish Committee has made arrangements with a peripatetic Fish and Chip Proprietor for Old Folks to have such a meal at an advantageous price.

## CARE OF CHILDREN NEGLECTED OR ILL TREATED IN THEIR OWN HOMES

The Divisional Committee composed of Officers of interested Organisations continues to meet bi-monthly under the Chairmanship of the Divisional Medical Officer and although many of the cases discussed at the meetings are some of the worst problems in the area the continued good average attendance indicates that those taking part find benefit from the discussions.

# TADCASTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## ANNUAL REPORT

of the

### CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR

For the Year 1953

Council Offices,  
TADCASTER.

To: The Rural District Council of Tadcaster.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

For your information I submit the Annual Report of the work of the Sanitary Department for the year ending 31st December, 1953.

The Tadcaster Rural District, which is the fourth largest Rural District in the Administrative County of the West Riding of Yorkshire, is situated in lower Wharfedale, and is bounded on the eastern side by the River Ouse, and by the River Aire on the western side. The district has contiguous boundaries with the cities of Leeds and York. No changes took place in the district during the year.

Although agriculture predominates, there is an extensive brewing industry in the town of Tadcaster, and a substantial portion of the western side of the district is engaged in the mining of coal. Other industries are mainly the manufacture of weighing machines, gas works plants, and motor bus and coach bodies; there is also a large Bacon Factory and considerable railway sidings and junction activity.

Details of the work of the Department will be found in the appended report.

I desire to express my appreciation of the assistance given by the Chairman, Members and Officials of your Council.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ERNEST WITHEFORD,

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

TABLE I

	Area	Census	No. of		Piped	Refuse	
	Acres	1951	Dwell.	R.V.	Water	Coll.	S.D.
Aberford ... ..	1580	710	260	3599	224	Yes	Yes
Acaster Malbis ... ..	1874	959	69	1510	46	Yes	No
Acaster Selby ... ..	1542	75	19	576	13	Yes	Yes
Appleton Roebuck ... ..	2194	403	135	2428	113	Yes	Yes
Askham Bryan ... ..	2470	419	119	3585	111	Yes	Yes
Askham Richard ... ..	900	213	41	831	31	Yes	No
Austhorpe ... ..	621	314	69	5926	66	Yes	Yes
Barkston Ash ... ..	1168	234	95	1072	89	Yes	Yes
Barwick-in-Elmet ... ..	6768	2908	1056	18066	1012	Yes	Yes
Biggin ... ..	718	123	32	252	14	Yes	No
Bilbrough ... ..	1447	188	53	1150	45	Yes	Yes
Bishopthorpe ... ..	705	1182	410	6726	407	Yes	Yes
Bolton Percy ... ..	2334	241	77	1103	72	Yes	No
Catterton ... ..	742	44	8	109	8	Yes	No
Colton ... ..	1203	151	41	614	33	Yes	Yes
Copmanthorpe ... ..	1658	736	251	3215	251	Yes	Yes
East Tadcaster ... ..	578	2018	626	8162	626	Yes	Yes
Great and Little Preston	1039	1197	344	3567	344	Yes	Yes
Grimston ... ..	888	47	16	533	10	Yes	No
Healaugh ... ..	2771	214	62	978	62	Yes	No
Huddleston-w-Newtho'pe	1572	108	30	547	12	Yes	No
Kirk Fenton ... ..	1977	642	215	2684	207	Yes	Yes
Kirkby Wharfe ... ..	1239	110	34	448	27	Yes	No
Lead ... ..	1057	34	9	94	1	Yes	No
Little Fenton ... ..	781	89	21	235	19	Yes	No
Ledsham ... ..	1971	236	74	1347	58	Yes	Yes
Ledston ... ..	1985	412	110	2618	98	Yes	Yes
Lotherton-cum-Aberford.	1093	302	92	1455	89	Yes	Yes
Micklefield ... ..	1777	1693	577	6386	574	Yes	Yes
Newton Kyme ... ..	1373	158	51	1192	44	Yes	No
Oxton ... ..	660	48	12	461	10	Yes	Yes
Parlington ... ..	1773	164	53	516	33	Yes	Yes
Ryther-cum-Ozendydke .	2707	249	79	1034	53	Yes	Yes
Saxton-c-Scarthingwell ..	2720	299	89	1143	72	Yes	Yes
Sherburn-in-Elmet ... ..	4859	2686	833	16964	821	Yes	Yes
South Milford ... ..	3100	1160	363	4934	292	Yes	Yes
Steeton ... ..	1142	38	12	299	10	Yes	No
Sturton Grange ... ..	877	88	8	119	5	Yes	No
Stutton ... ..	2795	483	127	1609	88	Yes	No
Swillington ... ..	2580	2027	594	10437	587	Yes	Yes
Towton ... ..	887	134	36	369	36	Yes	Yes
Ulleskelf ... ..	1322	1031	120	8206	105	Yes	Yes
West Tadcaster ... ..	1500	2384	727	17968	727	Yes	Yes
	75754	26951	8035	145067	7546		

## NEW HOUSING PROGRESS—1953

In the construction of new dwellings again, improved progress is reported for 1953 as compared with 1952. During the year 181 new dwellings were completed, there being 165 during 1952. At the end of the year it was estimated that there were 1,400 applicants on the Council's list for the tenancy of Council houses.

The following table shows the houses completed and under construction at the end of the year.

	New houses completed		New houses under construction		Adaptations
	Council	Private	Council	Private	
Aberford ... ..	16	—	—	—	—
Askham Bryan ...	—	—	—	1	—
Austhorpe ... ..	—	1	—	—	—
Barwick-in-Elmet ...	4	37	—	10	—
Bishopthorpe ... ..	6	6	—	6	—
Copmanthorpe ... ..	4	6	—	5	—
East Tadcaster ...	14	—	—	5	—
Great & Little Preston	—	5	10	2	—
Little Fenton ... ..	—	—	—	1	—
Micklefield ... ..	30	—	30	—	—
Sherburn ... ..	8	—	—	2	—
South Milford ... ..	—	1	—	—	—
Stutton ... ..	—	1	—	—	—
Swillington ... ..	25	3	13	1	1
Towton ... ..	—	—	8	—	—
West Tadcaster ...	—	14	—	4	—
	<hr/> 107	<hr/> 74	<hr/> 61	<hr/> 37	<hr/> 1
New dwellings under construction ... ..					98
New dwellings provided ... ..					181

## HOUSING ACT, 1936

### Individual Unfit Houses

During the year 4 houses were represented under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, as being unfit for human habitation and not being capable of rendered fit at a reasonable cost, as follows:—

Acaster Malbis 3	Action taken—Demolition Order made.
Kirk Fenton ... 1	“ “ “ “ “



In addition to the above and as a result of representations made in the previous year Demolition Orders were made in respect of 2 houses at Acaster Malbis, also an undertaking to repair was accepted in respect of 3 houses at Swillington.

The following is a list of houses demolished during the year due to post war demolition orders.

Bishopthorpe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Saxton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Swillington	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

### **Great and Little Preston (Bowers Row) Clearance Order No. 1**

Continuing the re-housing programme at Bowers Row 26 families were re-housed and 10 houses demolished during 1953.

## **DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL**

The following parishes are provided with sewerage and sewage disposal facilities:—

†Aberford, Appleton Roebuck, †Askham Bryan, Austhorpe, Barkston Ash, Barwick-in-Elmet, Bishopthorpe, Bilbrough, Colton, †Copmanthorpe, East Tadcaster, Great and Little Preston, †Kirk Fenton, Ledston, †Lotherton, †Micklefield, †Parlington, Saxton, †Sherburn-in-Elmet, South Milford, †Swillington, †Towton, West Tadcaster.

†Modern sewage disposal works.

The parishes of Aberford, Lotherton and Parlington are drained into one works, and the village of Little Preston is drained into the modern works at Swillington. In the Wellington Hill and Seacroft areas of the parish of Barwick-in-Elmet the properties are drained into the sewers of the Leeds Corporation as are also a few houses in Austhorpe. Certain properties in the parishes of Great and Little Preston and Swillington are drained into the sewers of the Garforth Urban District Council.

In many of the parishes the facilities for disposal are very inadequate and consist of tank treatment only.

The following details indicate the general position with regard to new schemes for sewerage and sewage disposal:—

Appleton Roebuck, Bolton Percy and Ulleskelf (one scheme prepared by Consulting Engineer). Position—Scheme at Ministry of Housing and Local Government at the end of year.

Barkston Ash, Saxton and Church Fenton (one scheme prepared by Consulting Engineer). Position—Scheme approved but commencement deferred owing to economic situation.

Bishopthorpe and Copmanthorpe (one scheme prepared by Consulting Engineer). Position—Scheme approved but commencement deferred owing to economic situation.

East and West Tadcaster and Stutton (one scheme prepared by Consulting Engineer). Position—Still at the Ministry of Housing and Local Government at the end of the year.

Bilbrough (one scheme prepared by Council's Engineer and Surveyor). Position—Work commenced during the year and almost complete.

Barwick (one scheme to replace the old and inadequate works at Barwick, Scholes and Arthursdale, and to provide the necessary new sewers). Position—Scheme being revised in accordance with the Ministry of Housing recommendations.

Ledston Luck (one scheme to replace the existing inadequate works, and to provide for the necessary new sewers). Position—Scheme approved by Ministry of Housing and Local Government and commencement expected early 1954.

Ledsham (one scheme to provide complete new works and sewers for the village). Position—Scheme being revised in accordance with Ministry of Housing recommendations.

It is your Council's wish that other parishes where works are lacking or considered inadequate should be provided with modern sewerage and sewage disposal works' facilities when the time is opportune. These are Acaster Malbis, Askham Richard, Healaugh, Newton Kyme and Ryther.

## **PRIVY CONVERSIONS**

The Council's policy to serve Statutory Notices under Section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936, requiring owners to replace privies and pail closets by water closets was continued during 1953. Under this section the Council are required to contribute half the cost of the work involved, and the necessary provision is made in the annual estimates. Owing to the present very high building costs it is not possible to carry out as many privy conversions as your Council would wish, but it is pleasing to report that the number of privies and pail closets in the district is steadily being reduced.

In certain cases, however, owners have availed themselves of the Council's grant towards the cost of individual and isolated conversions. At the present time the grant is £10.

Owing to the lack of sewerage and water facilities in certain parts of the district the work of conversion is not being pressed. This is particularly so in the case of Micklefield, where a substantial number of conversions is required but which cannot be commenced until the Hook Moor Water Scheme is completed.

Thirty-four conversions were carried out during the year as follows:—

Askham Bryan	...	...	...	2
Barwick-in-Elmet	...	...	...	1
Bishopthorpe	...	...	...	2
East Tadcaster	...	...	...	2
Kirk Fenton	...	...	...	1
Great and Little Preston	...	...	...	9
Healaugh	...	...	...	1
Ledston	...	...	...	1
Sherburn-in-Elmet	...	...	...	1
South Milford	...	...	...	9
Swillington	...	...	...	1
Towton	...	...	...	4
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				34
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## WATER SUPPLY

### LEEDS CORPORATION

#### Upland Surface Water

This water is purchased in bulk from the Leeds Corporation and distributed to the following parishes:—

Aberford, Austhorpe, Barkston Ash, Barwick-in-Elmet, Great and Little Preston, Kirk Fenton, Lead, Ledston (Ledston Luck), Little Fenton, Lotherton, Micklefield, Parlington, Saxton, Sherburn-in-Elmet, South Milford, Sturton Grange and Swillington.

This water is very soft and extremely suitable for domestic use. It is filtered and chlorinated by the Leeds Corporation.

### TADCASTER PUBLIC SUPPLY

This water is obtained from a deep borehole and a deep well at Bilbrough, and is distributed to the following parishes:—

Bilbrough, Catterton, East Tadcaster, Grimston, Healaugh, Kirkby Wharfe, Newton Kyme, Oxtun, Ryther, Steeton, Stutton, Towton, Ulleskelf and West Tadcaster.

The water in its raw state is rather hard (25 deg.) but is treated by a softening plant to give a figure of hardness of 5 to 10 degrees. 13 samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination and all were satisfactory. Also, one sample was submitted to the Public Analyst for chemical examination and proved satisfactory.

In addition to the softening treatment this water is chlorinated.



## **YORK SUPPLY**

### **River Water**

This water is purchased in bulk from the York Waterworks Company and is distributed to the following parishes:—

Acaster Malbis, Acaster Selby, Appleton Roebuck, Askham Bryan, Bolton Percy, Colton and Copmanthorpe. The parish of Bishopthorpe is supplied direct from the Company.

It should be noted however, that the above parishes with the exception of Acaster Malbis and Bishopthorpe can be supplied from the Council's supply at Bilbrough.

## **OTHER PUBLIC SUPPLIES**

Twenty-eight houses at Newton in the Parish of Ledsham are supplied by water from Pontefract.

During the late war the Air Ministry laid a 9 inch main from the Selby U.D.C. supply at Brayton Barff in order to augment the existing supply to Church Fenton Aerodrome and to Sherburn Aerodrome. This 9 inch main is divided into two 6 inch mains one to supply the Church Fenton Aerodrome and the other is available for supplying the lower portion of Sherburn. The Council have been permitted to have connections made to various properties on the line of the mains and a number of properties in Sherburn-in-Elmet, Biggin and Church Fenton parishes are now connected.

## **PRIVATE SUPPLIES**

### **Askham Richard**

This village is supplied with water from a borehole on the eastern side of the village. During the year six samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination and all were found to be satisfactory.

This supply is under the control of the Ministry of Works and is filtered and chlorinated.

### **Ledsham**

This village is supplied with water derived from springs in the magnesian limestone to the north of the village. Fourteen samples were submitted during the year and three were found to be satisfactory, eight were unsatisfactory and three were doubtful.

Villagers have been advised to boil all drinking water at times when the reports were unsatisfactory.

## **Ledston**

This village is supplied with water derived from springs in the limestone to the north of the village. Fifteen samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination, eight were reported as satisfactory, five as unsatisfactory and two were doubtful.

Villagers have been advised to boil all drinking water at times when the reports were unsatisfactory.

The quantity of water in springs supplying both Ledsham and Ledston has diminished considerably during the past few years and continued to do during 1953. This is thought to be due to mining subsidence disturbing the rock strata. Your Council are making preparations for these two villages to be supplied with mains water; Ledsham through the Hook Moor Scheme and Ledston from the existing main at Ledston Luck.

## **South Milford**

There is a private supply to a number of houses owned by the British Railways at Gascoigne Wood and Milford Junction. During 1951 the Railway Executive installed an improved system and no complaints of shortage have since been received.

# **REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL**

## **Organisation**

At the end of the year the Direct Labour system covered the whole of the district. The 1952-53 contract for the parishes of Sherburn-in-Elmet and South Milford expired in August and was not renewed.

In addition to the normal service for domestic premises, a weekly collection of refuse is carried out at the aerodromes at Acaster Malbis and Church Fenton.

## **Collection Period**

The period of collection varies according to the type of the district, but generally is from seven to fourteen days. In those parts of the district where coalmining is carried out the dustbins are emptied weekly.

Pail closets are emptied weekly wherever possible, and ashpits from four to eight weeks depending on the location and size.

## **Transport**

With the delivery of a new Shelvoke and Drewery 'Fore and Aft' tipper vehicle in August, the Council owned seven vehicles which are engaged on refuse collection viz:—One Fordson Thames; One Dennis 10 cubic yards; Four Dennis 7 cubic yards and the S. and D.

## **Labour**

During the year the Department was able to maintain a full and sufficient labour force to carry out this work and no serious difficulties occurred. Your Council have adopted the Wages and Service conditions of the Joint Industrial Council in full, and the number of men now employed on refuse collection is 23.

## **Disposal**

The disposal of refuse is carried out by tipping at various tips throughout the area and situated as follows:—

Aberford, Barwick-in-Elmet, East Tadcaster, Great Preston, Micklefield, Sherburn-in-Elmet, South Milford, Swillington and Towton; the tips being in a generally fair condition.

## **Salvage of Waste Paper**

During the year 54 tons 1 cwt. 1 qtr. of waste paper were sold, which realised the sum of £309 13s. 5d. The price of waste paper fell during the earlier months of the year but improved slightly later.

## RURAL HOUSING SURVEY

The following table shows the position of the Rural Housing Survey at the end of the year, when only the Parish of Sherburn-in-Elmet remained to be surveyed:—

	1 and 2	Categories 3	5	Totals
Aberford ... ..	148	47	65	260
Acaster Malbis ... ..	47	15	7	69
Acaster Selby ... ..	14	4	1	19
Appleton Roebuck ... ..	118	16	1	135
Askham Bryan ... ..	83	21	15	119
Askham Richard ... ..	25	15	1	41
Austhorpe ... ..	53	10	6	69
Barkston Ash ... ..	73	1	21	95
Barwick-in-Elmet ... ..	877	128	31	1036
Biggin ... ..	21	4	7	32
Bilbrough ... ..	36	10	7	53
Bishopthorpe ... ..	359	37	14	410
Bolton Percy ... ..	61	13	3	77
Catterton ... ..	5	3	—	8
Colton ... ..	32	4	5	41
Copmanthorpe ... ..	223	14	14	251
East Tadcaster ... ..	429	138	59	626
Great and Little Preston ... ..	119	38	187	344
Grimston ... ..	7	9	—	16
Healaugh ... ..	38	18	6	62
Huddleston-with-Newthorpe ... ..	22	7	1	30
Kirk Fenton ... ..	146	36	18	200
Kirkby Wharfe ... ..	30	3	1	34
Lead ... ..	4	5	—	9
Little Fenton ... ..	18	3	—	21
Ledsham ... ..	20	41	13	74
Ledston ... ..	34	68	8	110
Lotherton-cum-Aberford ... ..	37	41	14	92
Micklefield ... ..	340	216	21	577
Newton Kyme ... ..	40	11	—	51
Oxton ... ..	6	6	—	12
Parlington ... ..	26	27	—	53
Ryther-cum-Ozendyke ... ..	57	14	8	79
Saxton-cum-Scarthingwell ... ..	58	17	16	91
Sherburn-in-Elmet ... ..	—	—	—	—
South Milford ... ..	207	145	11	363
Steeeton ... ..	10	2	—	12
Sturton Grange ... ..	3	5	—	8
Stutton-cum-Hazlewood ... ..	51	53	23	127
Swillington ... ..	515	58	22	595
Towton ... ..	25	8	3	36
Ulleskelf ... ..	99	9	12	120
West Tadcaster ... ..	588	36	103	727
	<hr/> 5104	<hr/> 1356	<hr/> 724	<hr/> 7184

Categories 1 and 2 include houses which are fit in all respects or have minor defects only.

Category 3 includes houses which should be reconditioned at some future date.

Category 5 includes houses which should be considered for demolition at some future date.

## FOOD ADMINISTRATION

### Sherburn Bacon Factory

During the year your Sanitary Inspectors made 664 visits to the Factory for the purpose of meat inspection, and 240½ hours of overtime were worked.

The following is a summary of the number of pigs killed, together with the amount of meat condemned:—

Total number of pigs killed	...	...	154,988	
Condemned	...	...	...	253 Whole carcasses
				339 Part carcasses
				8,797 Heads
				4,367 Guts
				9,701 Plucks

### General

5 notifications of Emergency slaughter were received and the carcasses and organs of three pigs inspected and passed fit for food. The carcasses and organs of one pig and one sheep were condemned as unfit for human consumption.

During the year 21 visits were made to inspect various unsound foods, and the following were found to be unfit for human consumption:—

36	Sheep heads.
1	Beasts head.
34½	lbs. Frozen Beef.
182	tins and jars of miscellaneous foods.

During the year a total of 71 visits was made to food preparing premises, bakehouses, butchers' shops, fried fish premises, etc., and the general standard of cleanliness was fairly good.

### Ice Cream

40 premises were registered at the end of the year, 5 of these being manufacturers, and 38 visits were made to premises. During the year 9 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination, 6 were classified as satisfactory and 3 as unsatisfactory.

## GENERAL SANITATION

### Abatement of Nuisances

During the year 35 Statutory Notices and 117 informal notices were served requiring the abatement of nuisances. Altogether 116 nuisances were abated, these being chiefly roof repairs; the remedying of dampness; repairs to floors, gutters, fallpipes, windows, fireplaces, closets, etc., and the cleansing of blocked drains.

### Disinfection, etc.

During the year six houses were disinfected following cases of infectious disease and forty-one visits were made to premises regarding disinfestation of vermin.

### Factories

Six visits and inspections were made in respect of the above. The general standard of cleanliness was good and no contraventions were found.

### Rodent Control

During the year the Council's Rodent Operative made 897 visits for the purpose of Rodent Control to Council properties (refuse tips, sewage disposal works and sewerage systems), private properties, farms, etc.

### Cesspools and Septic Tanks, etc.

This service introduced during 1951 is now being appreciated by occupiers of dwellings where **No Sewers are available** to serve the properties. The service is given on request and charged according to the rateable value of the property.





